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1. On 27 September 1950 the Neustrelitz (N 54/U 54) barracks installation on the road to Potsdam quartered about 1,500 troops. No training was observed. The soldiers were engaged in various kinds of work, predominantly motor vehicle maintenance, at which about 600 men were seen. Maintenance service was also done on about 20 field kitchens standing in the barracks yard. The number of trucks and the motor traffic were out of proportion to the number of troops quartered in the installation. No heavy weapons were seen.

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2. On 27 September 1950 the alte Kasern northwest of the railroad station was occupied to capacity by 400 to 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia but some with tank insignia. About 20 trucks

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were seen in the barracks yard. More trucks were parked in the garages. The troops in the billeting area did maintenance work on motor vehicles. (1)

3. Officers, including field officers of all branches of service up to the rank of lieutenant colonel, were observed at the headquarters which is in the restricted area on Glambecker Lake. The volume of traffic had decreased slightly.

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4. A sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen in the area bordering on Tiergartenstrasse and Toepferweg. Four trucks, one jeep, and one rocket launcher [redacted] were being cleaned by military personnel.

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5. A bakery and a first-aid station for the barracks were on the western side of Zierkerstrasse, south of the saw mill. The sentry wore red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [redacted] were seen at the bakery.

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6. Only a few soldiers were seen at the repair shop on Zierker Lake. No work was done in the shop. [redacted]

7. The off-limits settlement on the road to Altstrelitz, in the southern sector of the city, was only lightly occupied. No motor traffic was observed. (2)

8. No motor traffic was seen at the quarters of signal troops on Fritz Reuterstrasse. (3)

9. The officers' billets on Hohenzieritzerstrasse were occupied mostly by officers of the headquarters on Glambecker Lake.

10. A fuel dump with a railroad spur was located on the eastern side of Zierkerstrasse. It was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

11. The Soviet hospital in the former school building on Luisenstrasse was cleared on 21 September 1950 and was still vacant on 4 October 1950. The patients and the hospital personnel were allegedly moved to Lychen. (4)

12. Only an officers' club was located in the restricted area on Fritz Reuterstrasse [redacted] (3)

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(1) [redacted] Comments.

(1) [redacted] the units which left Neustrelitz for field exercises between 19 and 21 September 1950 returned to the post on 27 and 28 September 1950.

(2) [redacted] only one story of each of the eight houses of the settlement was occupied on 1 September 1950. [redacted]

(3) The billets on Fritz Reuterstrasse border on the restricted area on Glambecker Lake. Signal components of the 7th Gds Tank Div were presumably quartered there.

(4) The hospital was last reported on 3 June 1950. [redacted]

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